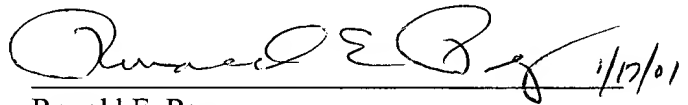


REMARKS

The Examiner's attention is directed to an Information Disclosure Statement being filed concurrently herewith. In light of the foregoing amendments, favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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